

# ***WHO KNOWS?!***

## **RAAK RESEARCH PROJECT**

Employment of peers in professional practices in mental health,  
substance abuse and homeless care



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# Program

- Intro
- Project *Who knows?!*
  - *context*
  - *Research questions & - methods*
  - *Communities of practice (CoP)*

## **R&D at the Amsterdam university of applied sciences (HvA)**

- Part of the Institute for law & society
- Related to professional bachelor & master in social work
- Integrating education, research & development
- Multiple social work subjects, specifically:
- Research program outreach work & innovation

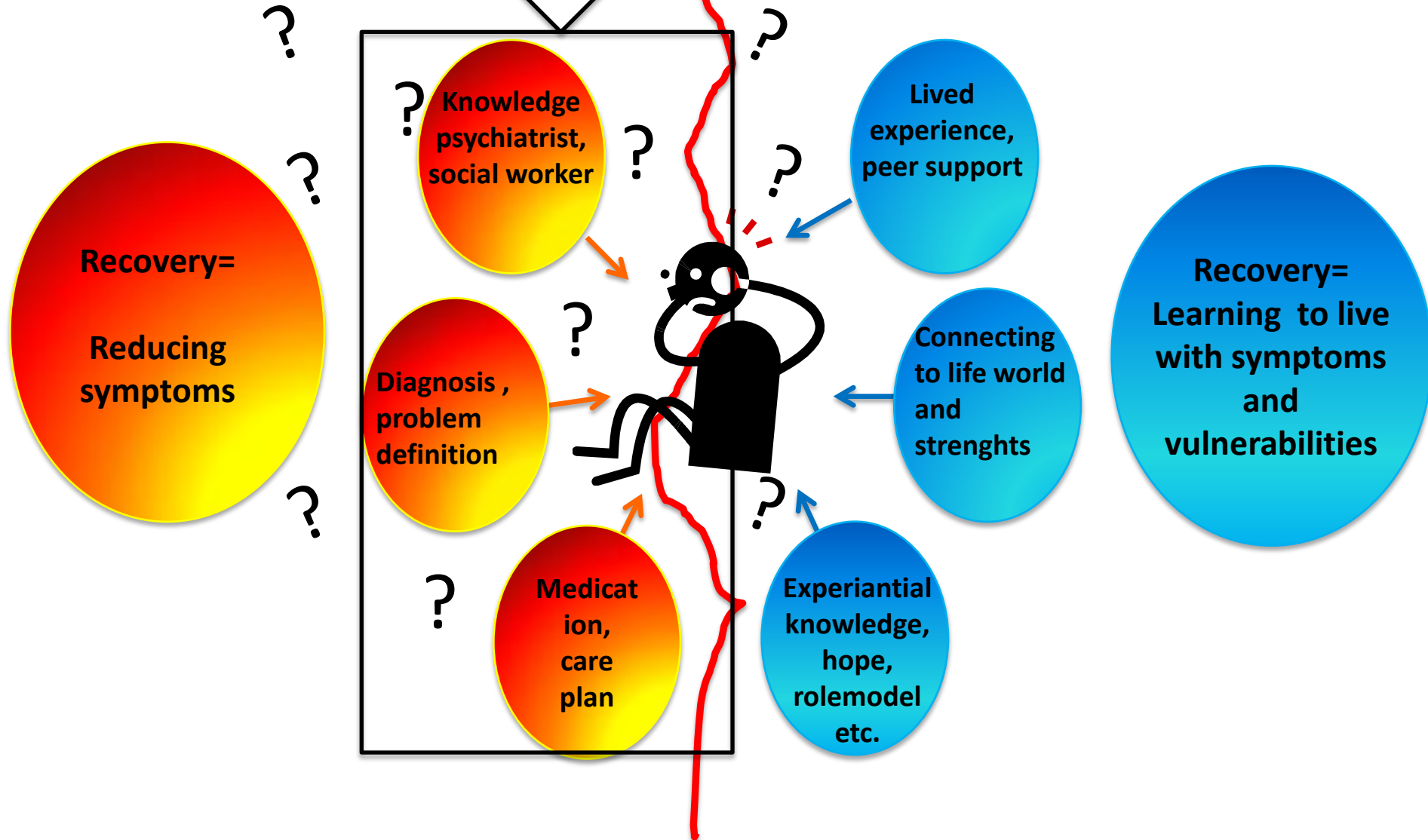
# RAAK-project?

- federal grant
  - two year program
  - Aim of program;
    - cooperation
    - knowledge development
    - knowledge exchange
- between Universities of applied sciences and social professionals

Regular care and  
professionals

## Project *WHO KNOWS?!*

Consumer and  
recovery  
movement



## Research questions:

1. Peer work as intervention?
2. How does this influence consumers?
3. Conditions?

# Research methods

- Literature study
- Interviews
- Focus groups
- Participatory observation

## Community of Practice (CoP):



- Community of social professionals, peer workers, consumers, managers, researchers, lecturers and students
- To make implicit knowledge explicit, sharing and developing knowledge, answering the research questions



# Communities of Practice (CoPs) in W

Hogeschool van Amsterdam  
Maatschappij en Recht

Ambassadors co

(representatives of)



CoP 1





Hogeschool van Amsterdam

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### Research program Outreach work & Innovation

Research and development centre for law and society

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